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News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In November, 2002, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **seven (7) recalls relating to products affecting children**. Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past month.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128 and then press "zero" (0) to speak with Product Safety**. You should leave your name, your organization's name and a phone number.

Following is a listing of the 7 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number:

- ❖ Gen-X Sports Inc. is recalling Skateboard Ramps. #03-031
- ❖ Eveready Battery Co. Inc. is recalling Kidz Club Flashlights. #03-034
- ❖ Disney Store is recalling *Monsters, Inc.* Character Plush Dolls. #03-035
- ❖ Damo Plus Corp is recalling Children's School Supply Sets. #03-036
- ❖ Baby Trend is recalling Infant Swings sold at Toys R Us for Repair. #03-042
- ❖ Kolcraft is recalling Toy Attachments on Baby Walkers. #03-043
- ❖ Good Lad Apparel is recalling Infant Girls' Garment and Shoes. #03-045

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

"KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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Release Number: 03-031 Gen-X Sports Inc., of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, is voluntarily recalling about 88,000 skateboard ramps. The recalled ramps include the Rage SSD (model 310937) and Skate Attack SSD (model 312912). The ramps are black and have a sticker with the Rage or Skate Attack logo and name on each side. The four peg holes, used to anchor the ramp, are located on the underside of the ramp in each corner. The ramps are 39-inches long, 28-inches wide and as high as 12-inches. Discount department and sports stores sold the ramps nationwide from March 2002 through September 2002 for between \$20 and \$40.

Problem: The ramps can crack causing users to fall and suffer injuries.

What to do: Consumers should stop using these ramps immediately and contact Gen-X to receive a refund. For more information on returning the ramps, consumers can contact Gen-X toll-free at (866) 846-4369 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday. Consumers can also visit the firm's web site at www.genxsportsinc.com



• <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03031.html>

Release Number: 03-034 Eveready Battery Co. Inc., of St. Louis, Mo., is voluntarily recalling about 24,000 Kidz Club flashlights, sold under its Energizer brand. The multicolored flashlights measure about 5.75 inches in length, and are made with a metal barrel and a plastic head. They take "C" batteries and have a rotating focusing head. The model number FC230KBP appears only on the reverse side of the package. The words Energizer Kidz Club appear on the head of the flashlight. "Made in China" is written on the base. Discount department and toy stores sold these flashlights nationwide from April 2002 through October 2002 for about \$6.

If the flashlight takes other than "C" batteries or does not have a rotating focusing head, then the flashlight is not included in the recall.

Problem: The flashlights can overheat and cause the batteries to leak, posing a risk of burns to children.

What to do: Consumers should take these flashlights away from children immediately and remove the batteries. Consumers should contact Eveready at (800) 669-6394 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. CT, Monday through Friday for instructions on returning the flashlights and receiving a \$12 refund. Consumers also can access the company's web site at www.energizerflashlights.com



• <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03034.html>

Release Number: 03-035 The Disney Store, Inc., headquartered in Glendale, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 14,500 Sulley with Boo plush dolls sold exclusively at The Disney Store nationwide. The recalled 12-inch doll is a blue monster named Sulley that is holding a 6-inch girl doll, named Boo. Both are characters in the 2001 animated film, Monsters, Inc. The recall includes only the 12-inch Sulley with Boo plush dolls. The Sulley doll is a blue monster with purple spots, a tail and horns. Sulley is holding a Boo doll in his right arm. Boo is a little girl with dark hair and small pink ball ponytail holders and rubber bands. Labels on the Sulley doll read, "Disney Store," "SULLEY W/BOO 12"," and "Made in China." The Disney Stores nationwide exclusively sold these plush dolls from July 2002 through October 2002 for about \$20. This recall involves only the Sulley with Boo dolls sold exclusively at The Disney Store and does not reflect items sold through the

Disney catalog or at other retail outlets. Additionally, the battery-operated talking version of the Sulley with Boo doll is not part of this recall

Problem: The Boo doll's hair has ponytail holders that could detach, posing a choking hazard for young children.

What to do: Consumers should immediately remove and discard the two pink ponytail holders and two rubber bands from the Boo doll's hair, or return the item to any Disney Store for a full refund. For more information, call Disney at (800) 566-3161 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or visit their web site at www.disneystore.com



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03035.html>

Release Number: 03-036 Damo Plus Corp., of Vernon, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 26,000 10-piece school supply sets. The school supply sets were sold in 8-inch plastic cases. The sets included the razor knife, pencils, scissors, a ruler, an eraser, a compass, and a tube of glue. Writing on the plastic cases includes "LITTLE WHITE," "LITTLE ARTIST," "GOOD FRIENDS," or "ZHONG BAIO REN." The cases are blue, pink yellow or purple and have pictures of children or animals. These sets were sold in plastic bags with cardboard headers marked "10 PCS SET PENCIL CASE & PENCIL HOLDER," and "MADE IN CHINA." Discount and dollar stores in California, Texas, Washington, and Maryland sold the sets between June and October 2002 for about \$1.

Problem: The sets contain razor knives, which pose a laceration hazard to children.

What to do: Consumers should immediately take these razor knives away from children and return the pencil sets to the store where they purchased them for a refund. For more information about this recall, consumers should call Damo Plus Corp. collect at (323)

583-8484 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday. Consumers also can write to the company at Damo Plus Corp., 4535 E. 48th St., Vernon, CA 90058.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03036.html>

Release Number: 03-042 Baby Trend Inc., of Ontario, Calif., is voluntarily recalling to repair about 15,000 infant swings. This recall involves "Trend Swing" stationary infant swings, model numbers 8711 and 8722 found on a label on the bottom of the seat. The swings were sold in khaki/gingham and navy/white plaid, and feature a toy bar, song player and timer. "Baby Trend" is printed on the front of the seat's tray and "Trend Swing" is printed on the arm. "Baby Trend" and "Made in China" are also printed on the label on the bottom of the seat. Toys R Us stores sold these swings nationwide from November 2001 through September 2002 for between \$60 and \$90.

Problem: A screw on the swing's support arm can loosen or detach, causing the seat to separate and drop to one side. This presents a fall hazard to infants.

What to do: Consumers should stop using these recalled swings immediately and contact Baby Trend to receive a free repair kit. For more information, consumers can contact Baby Trend toll-free at (800) 328-7363 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. PT Monday through Friday. Consumers also can visit the firm's web site at www.babytrend.com



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03042.html>

Release Number: 03-043 Kolcraft Enterprises, Inc., of Chicago, Ill., is voluntarily recalling about 410,000 toy attachments on baby walkers. The walkers are multi-colored and have either a detachable toy bar or a detachable music center on the tray. On each tray are two 6.5-inch stems with 3.5-inch stars on top. The recalled walkers were sold under the "Tot Rider" and "Carter's" brand names. Tot Rider walkers included in the recall have model numbers 14303-AC, 14303-CC and 14401-OT. The model numbers are printed on stickers located on the inside wall of the base of the walkers. The names "Tot Rider" and "Kolcraft" are printed on stickers attached to the front of the walker. The Carter's model walkers included in the recall have model numbers 14303-LB, 14303-UE and 14304-LJ. The model numbers are printed on stickers located on the inside wall of the base of the walkers. The words "Carter's" and "Music Center" are printed on stickers attached to the front of the walker. Walker models 14303 and 14304 were manufactured from December 2000 through August 2002, and walker model 14401 was manufactured from January 2000 through July 2002. The manufacturing date is printed on the sticker with the model number. Some of the walkers were made in the U.S. and some were made in China. Discount, department and juvenile product stores sold the walkers with these toys nationwide from December 2000 through October 2002 for between \$20 and \$40.

Problem: The flower toys on the baby walker's tray can detach from the stems, exposing sharp edges and posing a laceration hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should remove the detachable toy bars or music center toy trays on these walkers immediately. For information on receiving a replacement toy bar or music center toy tray, consumers can contact Kolcraft toll-free at (888) 695-9988 anytime or visit the firm's web site at www.kolcraft.com



<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03043.html>

Release Number: 03-045 Good Lad Apparel of Philadelphia, Pa., is voluntarily recalling about 52,000 infant girls' garments and sandals. This recall involves three separate garment sets. Two of the garment sets include a newborn and infant dress with sandals. The other includes an infant capri set with sandals. The dresses were sold in either, red and yellow or chambray. Both have decorative items like ladybugs and flowers attached. The capri sets were sold in lime, coral, yellow and purple with flower attachments around the neckline and on the sandals. The Good Lad logo is printed on a label inside of the garment, along with the words, "Good Lad of Philadelphia." The garments were made for ages 3 to 24 months. Department stores sold the infant garments nationwide from January 2002 through April 2002 for about \$15.

Problem: Small, decorative items on the garments can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should stop using these garments and sandals immediately. Consumers should return the garments to the store where purchased to receive a refund. For more information, consumers should contact the company toll-free at (877) 599-5530 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



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